

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

HIYWET BEKELE MILLION and CAROLE
MAYETTA CRANE,

Defendants.

Case No. CR21-59RSL

ORDER GRANTING
UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
CONTINUE TRIAL AND
PRETRIAL MOTIONS DUE
DATE

This matter comes before the Court on Hiywet Bekele Million's "Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial" (Dkt. # 49), which has been joined by defendant Carole Mayetta Crane (Dkt. # 50). Having considered the facts set forth in the motion, and defendants' knowing and voluntary waivers (Dkts. # 51 & # 52), the Court finds as follows:

1. The Court adopts the facts set forth in the unopposed motion: in particular, defense counsel requires additional time to review the voluminous discovery in this case, in which defendants are charged with bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, as well as additional time to negotiate a potential global resolution with regard to the pending charges against defendants in other jurisdictions. The Court accordingly finds that a failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel, and any potential future counsel, the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

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1 2. The Court finds that a failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a
2 miscarriage of justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

3 3. The Court finds that the additional time requested between the current trial date of
4 March 13, 2023, and the proposed trial date of April 17, 2023, is a reasonable period of delay.
5 The Court finds that this additional time is necessary to provide defense counsel reasonable time
6 to prepare for trial, as defendant has requested more time to prepare for trial, to continue to
7 investigate the matter, to gather evidence material to the defense, and to consider possible
8 defenses. The additional time requested between the current trial date and the new trial date is
9 necessary to provide counsel for the defendant the reasonable time necessary to prepare for trial,
10 considering all of the facts set forth above.

11 4. The Court further finds that this continuance would serve the ends of justice, and
12 that these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedier trial,
13 within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

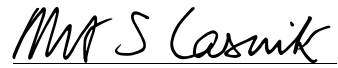
14 5. Defendant Million has signed a waiver indicating that she has been advised of her
15 right to a speedy trial and that, after consulting with counsel, she has knowingly and voluntarily
16 waived that right and consented to the continuation of her trial to a date up to and including May
17 1, 2023, Dkt. # 52, which will permit her trial to start on April 17, 2023. Defendant Crane has
18 also signed a waiver indicating that she has been advised of her right to a speedy trial and that,
19 after consulting with counsel, she has knowingly and voluntarily waived that right and
20 consented to the continuation of her trial to a date up to and including May 15, 2023, Dkt. # 51,
21 which will permit her trial to start on April 17, 2023.

22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the trial date shall be continued from March 13, 2023,
23 to April 17, 2023, and pretrial motions are to be filed no later than March 20, 2023;

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period of time from the current trial date of March
25 13, 2023, up to and including the new trial date, shall be excludable time pursuant to the Speedy
26 Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, *et seq.* The period of delay attributable to this filing and granting
27 of this motion is excluded for speedy trial purposes pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(1)(D),
28 (h)(7)(A), and (h)(7)(B).

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1 DATED this 6th day of March, 2023.

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4 Robert S. Lasnik
5 United States District Judge
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